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CHAIRWOMAN MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, SUPERVISOR MAYO,

CALL FOR RESTORATION OF BUS SERVICE

Mayo Calls for Immediate Resumption of Talks,

Dimitrijevic Calls for a Compromise

Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., today called for an immediate return to the bargaining table to end a bus service shutdown that has left thousands stranded and unable to get to work, school and other important destinations.

“We don’t want to hurt the taxpayers, but we also don’t want to hurt the hard-working people who need to get to work and students who need to get to school,” said Mayo, chairman of the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee. “It is crucial that both parties return to the bargaining table immediately and end this strike. Twenty four hours is enough to make a point, now let’s negotiate a deal and end this strike, which has already been catastrophic to hard-working people who need to get to work. It also hurts the disabled who can’t get to the doctor, therapy and other vital destinations.”

Dimitrijevic questioned whether the County Executive’s administration could have prevented the service shutdown.

“After the Administration’s failed attempt for an out-of-state for-profit company to manage our transit system, the County Board successfully acted to bring greater direct accountability to the Milwaukee County Transit System,” Dimitrijevic said. “The Transit system reports directly to the County Executive’s Administration.

“Could the County Executive have prevented this service shutdown by stepping in with a fair compromise? What is his plan to end this failure as soon as possible so county residents can get to work and ride safely to and from Summerfest. We need real leadership and management now more than ever.

“We still don’t even have an Airport Director. It’s clear he’s spent a great deal of time in Madison. This failure to lead at home hurts the local economy, our tourism industry, and I’m concerned this may put our residents at risk during Summerfest.”

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